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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, Dec. 2nd.....8:15 P.M.

Sermon by Rabbi Steinberg

THE BIBLE—A SUBVERSIVE BOOK

A discussion of the fundamental issues involved in the attempt of Nazi Germany to destroy the influences of Scripture.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 3rd.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon — 10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation — 10:30 A.M.

Friday Evening, Dec. 9th.....8:15 P.M.

Sermon by Rabbi Steinberg

THREE MODERN JEWISH WOMEN

A picture of the three great hostesses of the nineteenth century who set the fashion for Jewish social assimilation. Based on the volume, "Salon Sketches," by Bertha Meyer.

Saturday Morning, Dec. 10th.... 9:30 A.M.

Sermon — 10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation — 10:30 A.M.

Forthcoming Major Events

Thursday evening, December 1st:

MEETING OF MEN'S CLUB

Rabbi J. X. Cohen of the Free Synagogue
Guest Lecturer

Subject—Industrial Discrimination Against Jews

Friday evening, December 16th:

SPECIAL PRE-CHANUKAH WORSHIP

The service will be chanted by the Zilbert's Choral Society of fifty voices, who will also render a supplementary program of Jewish folk song.

Friday evening, December 23rd:

A Welcome Home Service to the collegiate students of the congregation under the auspices of the Collegiate Division of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

On the evening of December 2nd, Rabbi Steinberg will interpret the Nazi attack on the Bible. Is the most recent German campaign against Scripture a result of blind caprice or does it lie in the fact that there are ideological conflicts between Scripture and Fascist thought? If so, what are the central presuppositions of the Bible?

On December 9th Rabbi Steinberg will give picture of one of the most interesting byplays in the whole of Jewish history—of the three gifted Jewish women, Dorothea Mendelssohn, Rahel Lewin and Henrietta Herz, who as leaders of a metropolitan social life in the nineteenth century Germany played a major role in the making of the psychology of the modern Jew. The sermon will be based on the volume, "Salon Sketches," by Bertha Meyer, Professor of German at McGill University.

SERVICE OF INTERCESSION HELD
AT PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

On Saturday morning, November 19th, our congregation joined with the congregations Jewish and Christian throughout the country who either on that morning or the following day engaged in a special prayer on behalf of persecuted human beings in general and persecuted Jewry of central Europe in particular. A large assembly was present in our Synagogue on that morning to raise the voice of supplication as an expression of human compassion and Jewish companionship. The worshippers left the Synagogue after a solemn service encouraged and inspired to exert themselves more forcefully on behalf of those in distress.

FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday evening, Dec. 1st—8:30 P.M.

Men's Club meeting.

Rabbi J. X. Cohen.

Friday evening service, Dec. 2nd—8:15 P.M.

Saturday morning service, Dec. 3rd—9:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Sunday School sessions, Dec. 4th—9:45 A.M.

Sunday morning, Dec. 4th—10:30 A.M.

Parents Group.

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4th—2:30 P.M.

Meeting of Senior Social Group.

Monday evening, Dec. 5th.

Adult Education Classes.

Tuesday, Dec. 6th.

Sisterhood Board Meeting.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 6th—8:15 P.M.

School Board Meeting.

Friday evening service—Dec. 9th—8:15 P.M.

Saturday morning service, Dec. 10th—9:30 A.M.

Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Saturday evening, Dec. 10th—8:30 P.M.

Dance of Young Folks League.

Sunday School sessions, Dec. 11th—9:45 A.M.

Monday evening, Dec. 12th.

Collegiate Division Classes.

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 13th—1:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Meeting.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th—8:15 P.M.

Meeting of Board of Trustees.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th—8:30 P.M.

Business Meeting of Young Folks League.

Friday evening, Dec. 16th.

Zilbert's Choral Society.

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18th.

Chanukah Party of Junior Congregation.



THE SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood hails Chairman Ruth Abrams, Co-Chairman Clara Lehmann and the entire Bazaar Committee for their splendid spirit of cooperation and untiring efforts which helped to make the Bazaar the financial and social success it turned out to be. President Irma Heller with grateful appreciation heartily congratulates all who participated so generously.

A meeting of the Sisterhood Board will take place on Tuesday, December 6th. The Nominating Committee will convene on December 10th. Nominations for officers should be sent to Chairman Hattie Weinberger in care of the Synagogue.

The next regular meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 13th, at 1:30 P.M. The festival of Chanukah will be celebrated with a special program in which our Rabbi Milton Steinberg and Cantor David Putterman will join in true Chanukah spirit in welcoming Sisterhood members and friends.

THE SCHOOL

Chanukah Party.

A Chanukah Party will be held for members of the Junior Congregation on Sunday afternoon, December 18th, at 2:30 in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue. In addition to the regular members, boys and girls who have attended at least two services prior to the Chanukah holidays will be admitted. There will be games, Chanukah songs and refreshments.

Chanukah Entertainment.

The Chanukah celebration of the Religious School will be somewhat of a departure from previous years. There will be no formal classes on the morning of Sunday, December 25th. A dramatic program will be presented in which the Junior and Senior Dramatic clubs plus the choral group will present two plays. Parents are invited to attend. The program will begin at 10:15 sharp.

The Junior Cngregation.

On Saturday morning, November 26th, Bernard Kabakow acted as rabbi of the Junior Congregation. Norman Katz was cantor and Louis Heller preached the sermon. Betty Ann Marquith and Jacqueline Van Gelder recited selections from the Haftorah.

Senior Social Group.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Bob Barzilay on Saturday, November 19th, by the Senior Social Group. It was a Thanksgiving Party, and besides dancing, playing charades and drinking cider, an "apple on a string" contest was held.

Many other events are on the calendar, including a Chanukah dance and a theatre party.

The next meeting will be at the home of Chairman Louis Heller, 57 East 88th Street, on Sunday, December 4th, at 2:30. All young ladies of 16 and young men between 16 and 18 are invited to come and also to join the club.

For further information, write to the Chairman in care of the Synagogue or at the above address.



"INDUSTRIAL DISCRIMINATION" TO BE THEME OF MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The second lecture meeting of the Men's Club will take place on Thursday evening, December 1st, in the Vestry Rooms of the Synagogue. The guest speaker is to be Rabbi J. X. Cohen of the Free Synagogue who is to discuss the theme of economic discrimination against Jews.

Rabbi J. X. Cohen has made a specialized study of the problem with which he is to treat. He is Chairman of the Industrial Discrimination Section of the American Jewish Congress. The theme is of vital importance, and the men of the Synagogue are invited to assemble for consideration of it and what may be done to overcome the evil.

A social period will follow.

CANTOR PUTTERMAN RECORDS FOR VICTOR

An album of three ten-inch records consisting of Hebrew folk songs has just been recorded by Cantor Putterman for RCA-Victor Company. The songs presented in these records are but a small portion of the musical folk heritage of the Jewish people. They are chosen to be sung as well as heard and appeal both to children as well as adults. They will definitely stimulate an expanded interest in Jewish music.

Each record is distinctive in that it represents a specific theme:

1. For the Sabbath: Friday night Kiddush, Sholom Alaychem, Sabbath Queen (in English).
2. Z'miros: Folk and Palestinian songs—Tsur Mishelo; Eliyohu Hanovi; Ba-ah M'nuchah; Y'mallel.
3. For Chanukah: B'rochos (Blessings for kindling Chanukah candles); Rock of Ages (in English); Haneros Halolu; S'vivon.

These records are obtainable at all music stores at \$2.50 per album. The album is very attractive and would make an ideal Chanukah gift.



THE YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Sunday evening, December 18th, the Young Folks League will distribute Chanukah baskets to needy Jewish families. We encourage your participation. Donations should be delivered to the Synagogue in care of the Young Folks League.

On Tuesday evening, December 13th, a business meeting is scheduled.

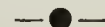
The Young Folks League in conjunction with the Joint Distribution Committee will during the month of January present a charity dance and entertainment for the benefit of Jews in Germany. Further details will be scheduled later.

Young folks interested in cultural, social and philanthropic activities who wish to affiliate with the League may do so by writing to the Young Folks League in care of the Synagogue.



BAR MITZVAH

On Saturday, December 17th, the Bar Mitzvah of Master Daniel Krauskopf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Krauskopf, will be celebrated. To the Bar Mitzvah and his family, our warmest felicitations and hopes that the young man may attain his highest potentialities in life as a Jew and American citizen.



THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

On behalf of the Synagogue the Scroll extends its sympathies to Mrs. Murray Gillette on the passing of her father, Mr. David Beck.

FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

TESTIMONIAL DINNER BRILLIANT SUCCESS

The columns of The Scroll would not be complete without a picture in retrospect of the Testimonial Dinner given in honor of Rabbi Milton Steinberg on the completion of his five years of service with the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Almost four hundred and fifty guests assembled in the Starlight Room of the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday evening, November 5th, for a dinner program and dance which together made what is perhaps the most brilliant evening in the history of our congregation. Mr. Abraham N. Geller, Chairman of the Committee on Social Activities, acted as Toastmaster. Vivid tributes were paid to Rabbi Steinberg by Professor Louis Finkelstein, Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary, representing the rabbinate and the world of Jewish scholarship; by Mr. Maurice Samuel, author and lecturer, as spokesman for Jewish letters, and representing the congregation by Mrs. Milton Heller, President of the Sisterhood, and Mr. Frederick Finn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Numerous letters and telegrams were received, outstanding among which was the message from California from Mr. Jacob Friedman, Jr., President of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

To the warmth and color of these tributes, an unusual musical program added its special contribution. Mr. Jan Peerce, concert artist and star of the Radio City Musical Hall, sang with power, finesse and brilliance and enchanted his audience. Master Arnold Eidus, youthful violin prodigy, confirmed in his playing the hopeful prophecies made concerning him.

Rabbi Steinberg's response was simple but profoundly moving. The bond of affection between the congregation and him was almost tangible as he spoke.

To close the evening there was dancing which continued far into the night. Only those who were present can appreciate how admirable the entire function was, not only in its program but in the impressive gathering which included persons of distinction in Jewish and civic affairs, and in the tone of affection, cordiality and happiness that pervaded every aspect of the evening.

PARENTS GROUP

The meetings of the Parents Group have been unusually well attended. The course offered has been enthusiastically received. It is still not too late for parents of boys and girls in our school to join the course, the purpose of which is to clarify the problems of Jewish parenthood and to evolve procedures and techniques whereby the home may cooperate with the school in making the Jewishness of the Jewish child more significant today.

The next meeting of the Group is to be at 10:30 on Sunday morning, December 4th, in the Trustees Room.

COLLEGIATE DIVISION

On Monday evening, November 14th, the first meeting of the Collegiate Division took place, Rabbi Steinberg opening the course in Jewish history which is given to our college students; Mr. Eugene Lang inaugurating the course on Judaism and Current Social Philosophies by an analysis of the structure and principles of capitalism.

At the next meeting on Monday, November 28th, Rabbi Steinberg carried forward the history course and led a general discussion of Mr. Lang's paper with particular reference to Jewish social attitudes and to the effects of the competitive society upon Jewish life.

The next meeting of the Collegiate Division will take place on Monday evening, December 12th.

Young people of college age who read The Scroll are invited to enroll in the group. They may address Mr. Albert Heller, Chairman of the group for information. Parents who wish their young people invited should send the names of the young people to Mr. Heller who will issue such an invitation.

The Collegiate Division is planning an elaborate cultural and social program for the weekend of Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 23rd to 26th, in honor of college students of the congregation who are returning home for their mid-winter vacation.

Special Notice to Parents

If in your family there are any collegians who are studying at out-of-town schools, will you send their names and addresses to Mr. Albert Heller at the Park Avenue Synagogue. The Collegiate Division will then invite your young people to participate in the program and to make the acquaintance of the other collegians of our congregation.

NEW MEMBERS

To the delight of the officers of the congregation, the accession of new members to our Synagogue continues almost unabated. With no special effort on the part of the congregation, a number of families attracted by our program and group life have identified themselves with our Synagogue. The phenomenon is all the more heartening, not only because of the constantly swelling membership list and the consequent additional strength that comes to us but also by virtue of the fact that the post High Holyday season is normally not a time when memberships accrue to synagogue rosters.

We extend a cordial welcome into our midst to the following persons who have joined us within the last month. We urge upon them that they make their membership as meaningful as possible by attending services and classes and by participating in our variegated activities.

Maurice Finkelstein	Dr. Morris Lippman
Harry F. Greenberg	Rudolph Stern
Samuel Haft	Dr. Joseph Stovins
Franklyn Waldheim	